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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 662

Submitted by the Committee on Revision of Laws, on
May 4, 1954;
Re : H. No. 2053;
Recommending its approval.

Sponsors : Congressmen Corpus (E.J.) and Castaño.
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Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Revision of Laws, to which was re-
ferred the Bill (H. No. 2053 -3rd C. R. P.), introduced
by Congressman Castaño, entitled:

AN ACT
AMENDING SECTION FOUR OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED THREE
HUNDRED NINE. (re distribution of horse racing days.)

has considered the same and has the honor to report it
back to the House with the recommendation that the said
Bill be approved without amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

(Sgd.) ENRIQUE J. CORPUS
Chairman
Committee on Revision of Laws

The Honorable
The Speaker
House of Representatives
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The proposed legislation is but a reaffirmation and translation of the long established policy of the government in relation to the distribution of racing days presently authorized by law. With the passage hereof, racing days, as stated, will be apportioned and distributed equally each year among the existing racing clubs or race tracks duly authorized to conduct horse races. This will be in consonance with equity and, by the same token, afford equal protection to racing clubs holding franchises under the law. Moreover, the instant bill constitutes an amendment to an existing statute, i. e., Section 4 of Republic Act No. Three hundred nine and is designed primarily to subserve the aims and purposes of the latter. For the reasons enumerated, therefore, approval of the bill is requested.

(Sgd.) ANGEL M. CASTAÑO
Congressman, 1st District
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DRED NINE. (re distribution of horse racing days.)

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives
of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

1 SECTION 1. Section 4 of Republic Act Numbered Three
2 hundred nine is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 "SEC. 4. Racing days - Private individuals and en-
4 titles duly licensed by the Commission on Races may hold
5 horse races on Sundays not reserved under this Act, on
6 twenty-four Saturdays as may be determined by the said
7 Commission, and on legal holidays except Thursday and
8 Friday of Holy Week, July fourth, commonly known as In-
9 dependence Day and December thirtieth, commonly known as
10 Rizal Day. The second Sunday and the first Saturday af-
11 ternoon of each month shall be reserved for races held
12 by the Philippine Anti-Tuberculosis Society. The fourth
13 Sunday of February, April, June, August, October and the
14 third Sunday of December shall be reserved for races held
15 by the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office. The fourth
16 Sunday of January, May, July, and September and the second
17 Saturday afternoon of January, April, July, and October
18 shall be reserved for races held by the White Cross, Inc.
19 The fourth Sunday of March shall also be reserved for the
20 national race, commonly known as the Grand Derby Race,
21 held by the Philippine Anti-Tuberculosis Society. Other
22 Saturday afternoons shall be reserved for races authorized
23 by the President of the Philippines for charitable, relief

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1 or civic purposes. All racing days hereinabove listed
2 and assigned to private individuals and entities duly li-
3 censed by the Games and Amusements Board shall be appor-
4 tioned and distributed equally each year among existing
5 racing clubs or race tracks duly authorized to conduct
6 horse races."

7 Sec. 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approv-
8 al.

Approved,